

PACIFIC CREST DISTRICT TRAILHEAD

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National Trails Day in Capitol Forest

June 22, 2005- In celebration of National Trails Day, DNR hosted a volunteer event focusing on routine maintenance and repairs to trails and facilities in Capitol Forest. National Trails Day, sponsored by the American Hiking Society, celebrates trails and the people who build and maintain them.



Volunteers worked together to complete many projects including painting, removing brush and stumps from trails, planting trees and removing garbage. Participants included equestrians, mountain bike riders, hikers, ORV riders and many folks just looking for the opportunity to help out.

The event concluded with a prize drawing courtesy of our very generous sponsors. **Thank you** to the folks at Alpine Experience, Bike Tech, South Sound Honda, Tack Room Too and Wild Birds Unlimited. When you frequent their businesses, please thank them for supporting the recreation program in Capitol Forest.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

Saturday, August 27, 2005- Volunteer work party. We will be applying rock to segments of the equestrian trail system. The group will meet at the Mima Falls Campground at apx. 9:00 a.m. Please bring your lunch, water and appropriate footwear.

Saturday, September 17, 2005- Volunteer work party. We will be applying rock to segments of the equestrian trail system. The group will meet at the Mima Falls Campground at apx. 9:00 a.m. Please bring your lunch, water and appropriate footwear.

If you would like to participate in a volunteer event or coordinate a volunteer project for your group or organization, please contact Christine Redmond at christine.redmond@wadnr.gov or 360/577-2025.



DNR's Pacific Crest District Manager, Jon Byerly, recently joined members of the Back Country Horsemen of Washington's Scatter Creek chapter for a trail ride in Capitol Forest.

Mima Falls Campground Corral Rebuild



In an effort to improve the site and enhance the experience for our visitors, Tom Crowson and Jeff LaBreck, members of the Capitol Riders chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Washington, working in cooperation with DNR staff, organized and implemented a corral rebuild project in the Mima Falls Campground.

Thank you to Kiperts Korner Feed and Tacoma Screw Products for generously donating the materials for this project.

Volunteer Tool Closet

Would you like to see your favorite site or trail segment tidied up a bit? Are you interested in hosting an “exclusive” volunteer work party for your group? Are you highly motivated, yet lacking in basic tools and equipment?

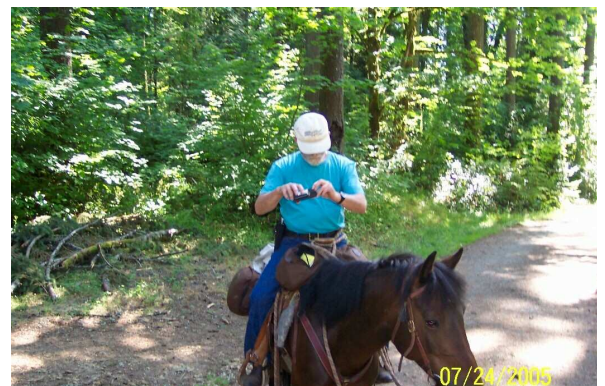
The Pacific Crest District has a collection of hand tools and equipment for volunteer use in Capitol Forest. If you are interested in coordinating a volunteer gathering and would like to borrow shovels, rakes, first aid kits, water coolers or other basic items contact Christine Redmond at christine.redmond@wadnr.gov



Trail Maintenance Collaborations

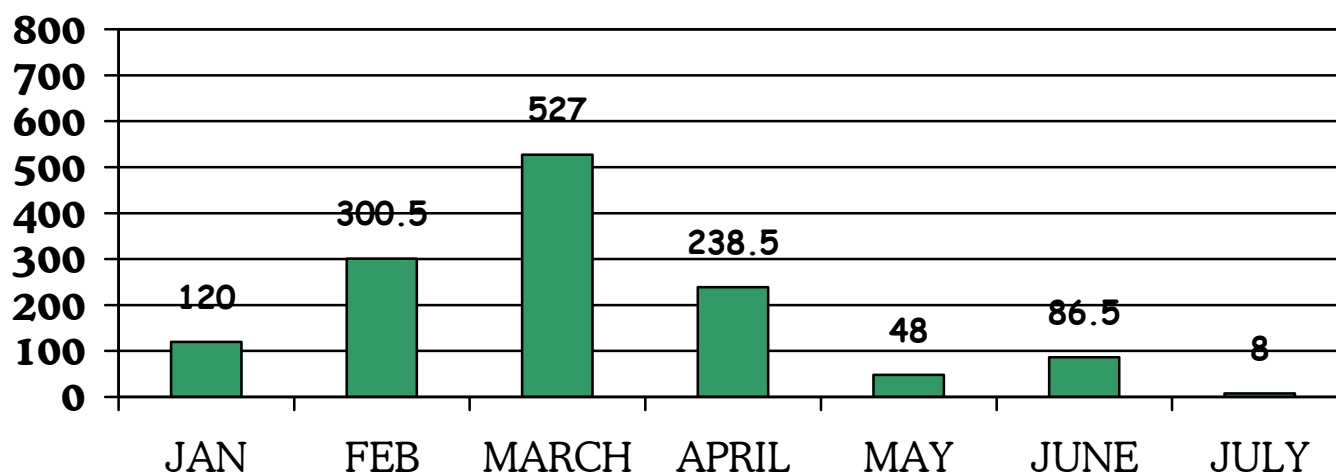


Dave Overfield (Tacoma Trailcruisers) & Dale Gray (South Sound Honda) take a break from ORV trail maintenance to chat with Adam from The Olympian.



DNR volunteer and Back Country Horseman, Jeff LaBreck, uses GPS technology to perform trail assessments in Capitol Forest.

PACIFIC CREST DISTRICT 2005 Volunteer Hours 1328.5 hrs.



We participate in the Interagency Committee grant program. The IAC administers grant programs for recreation and habitat conservation projects. As a condition of receiving much of our grant funding, we are responsible for documenting and reporting volunteer hours. For more information on this program visit: <http://www.iac.wa.gov/iac/grants.asp>.

THANKS FOR TURNING IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Planning an Event or Gathering in Capitol Forest?

If you would like to plan an event in Capitol Forest that will include more than twenty-five participants you are required to obtain a free event permit from the DNR thirty days prior to the event.

The application requests basic information such as the contact information of the applicant, the location and/or facilities that you would like to use, the type of event, and, the group or organization requesting the permit, if applicable.

Your completed application, with attached route map, if applicable, will be processed and mailed to the contact listed on the front of the application.

You are required to submit proof of insurance prior to your event. In addition, events that are considered "high impact" have special requirements outlined in the permit application.

If you would like to obtain an event permit application, or, for more information about organized events in Capitol Forest contact Christine Redmond at christine.redmond@wadnr.gov or 360/577-2025.

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Web site	http://www.dnr.wa.gov/
To view or purchase maps of Capitol Forest	http://www.dnr.wa.gov/dataandmaps/maps/trail_maps.htm
To view a calendar of organized events in Capitol Forest	http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/lm/recreation/capitolforest/events_cap_for_2005.pdf
Capitol State Forest Recreation and Public Access Plan	http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/lm/recreation/capitolforest/plan/index.html

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